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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Executive Secretary, Career Service Board

: Allotment of Career Development Slots SUBJECT

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In March and April of 1953 this office received applications of seven Agency personnel for participation in the two-year Area Language Program on the Soviet Union conducted by the Department of . After determining the language the Army proficiency of the candidates, this office convened a selection board for the purpose of choosing the three most eligible candidates for participation in the training program.

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- 2. Subsequent to this action, the office heads concerned have indicated that participation in this training program cannot proceed unless Career Development Slots are made available in order that personnel could be recruited in the absence of the Trainees. It is the purpose of this memorandum to support the principle that the allotment of Career Development Slots for this purpose is, in my view, directly consistent with the purpose for which such Slots have been established.
- 3. It may be of interest to point out that in support of the applications of the candidates for this training, the office heads have assured this office that in each case the training was directly related to the present and foreseeable duty assignment of the individual within the Agency; and that each candidate had certified as to his intention to make a career of service with the Agency.
- 4. In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that you approve the allotment of Training Career Development Slots for this purpose. Should you require additional data on the individuals or on the manner in which they were selected or the basis upon which the requested training was approved, I shall be pleased to make such information available to you and the Board.

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Director of Training

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